IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. 55274-M of 2007
Date of decision: 31.12.2007

Sonia and another **...Petitioners**

Versus

State of Punjab and others **...Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL

Present: Mr. Raj Pal Singh, Advocate for
Mr. H.S.Bath, Advocate for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BINDAL, J.

Prayer made in the present petition is for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners, who had married against the consent of their parents. Both the parties are present in Court. Petitioners have appended a copy of Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-4) issued by Shri Sanatam Dharam Sabha (Regd.), Mata Mahakali Mandir, Himsikha Housing Board, Pinjore. As per certificate Annexure P-1 issued by the Government High School, Rohjari (Jal) the date of birth of petitioner no. 1 is May 1, 1988 and she was more than 18 years of age on the date of marriage which according to the petitioners was solemnized on December 20, 2007. They are apprehending their arrest and also harassment by the police and family members of petitioner no.1, as they were not agreeable to the marriage.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of their parents and as such they are fearing threat to their life and liberty. They had already approached Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar but no action has been taken by him.

Accordingly, the instant petition is disposed of with the direction to Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar to see that in case there is any threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners, he should take appropriate action to protect the same.

December 31, 2007 **(Rajesh Bindal)**
Pka **Judge**